

Judge Brannon has called a special term of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, commencing on Monday, July 10.

What's them new twenty cent pieces?

The dogs of this country cost the people \$10,000,000 last year, and the preachers only \$6,000,000.

A new post office has been established at Welch Glade, Webster county, with Caleb A. Gardner as post master.

The Odd Fellows of West Union are to have a celebration on July 3d. Hon. J. J. Hinchinson, of Parkersburg, will deliver the address.

An aged man, unknown, fell out backward from a small boat above Birch, on Elk river in Braxton county, recently, and was drowned.

The Fourth of July comes on apace and we presume from present indications that no special public observance of the day will be had in this place.

The Ritchie Gazette observes that West Virginia already has twelve candidates named for the vacancy in the Supreme Bench and no returns from forty-two counties. McDowell will report at the Centennial.

It is now getting fashionable to eat pork and beans, brown bread and onions for dinner. It is a strengthening diet, especially the latter delicacy, which has an extensive reputation for making one strong.

Now is the season for a man to make a hog of himself, eat a lot of greasy bacon, or some other indigestible food, get sick, lay for a month or two abed, and then get up and talk about the afflictions of a mysterious Providence! It's a libel on God himself.

A TURKEY hen in Wood county furnished her nest with the full quota of eggs and then abandoned it. The gobbler took the nest in charge, hatched out and raised the brood, and appeared as proud and careful of the brood as any mother hen could be. The gobbler's actions were watched. At present writing some of the young ones follow the hen, but more of them follow the gobbler.

THE POTATO BUG.—This curse, which has recently made its appearance in this State, is a native of Colorado, whence its name of Colorado beetle. It was first seen in 1820, feeding on a wild potato, but when the settlers introduced the domestic potato the bug attacked it at once. It breeds prodigiously, the female laying from seven to twelve hundred eggs, which hatch in about six days and immediately begin work, which lasts for nineteen days. Where they are numerous they devour the whole plant clean to the ground. They are decidedly poisonous, and consequently barnyard fowls avoid them.

At Greenbrier, West Virginia, a few days ago, a child was born which was most singularly deformed. The left arm was entirely wanting, there being at the shoulder not even a rudimentary appearance of development. Upon the right side there was an arm which extended only to the elbow, a hand being attached at right angles to the extremity, at the point where naturally would have been the elbow joint or commencement of the lower arm. The right leg was perfect and natural in every respect, except that there were upon the foot six toes. The left leg extended only to the knee, with a foot growing on the side of the extremity, with the bottom turned up, and having on it only three toes. The child at first seemed as well and vigorous as any new born infant, but after it began taking nourishment, soon sickened and died. It was supposed that there was malformation of the internal organs.—Point Pleasant Register.

The Mannington Ventilator has a good editorial in its last issue in regard to the looting part of the population of that place. It seems that there are at least a hundred people—and more, nearly two hundred (says the Ventilator)—in and around Mannington who devote one working day in every week to looting. They lounge around the shops, stores and corners, doing nothing more profitable than splitting tobacco juice and whitening sticks, and not only not producing anything for themselves and the community at large, but consuming a large amount of the aggregate labor of other people as may be necessary to clothe and feed them. Now suppose, says the Ventilator, all these hundred people were produced on this last day of the week to the extent of only twenty-five cents each, see what a difference it would make every week, and what a very big difference, as regards the prosperity of that locality, it would make every year. Not only would all that they spend in the natural dissipations and idleness be saved, but also the clear amount of \$1,800 per year would be added to the wealth of the community. The Ventilator suggests to these loafers, if they can do nothing better, to go to work and make ax handles, hoes and mattock handles, canes, rake handles, split brooms or chairs, or something else that will usefully employ them and add something to the revenues of the community. The Ventilator even mends up the broken pane of glass in their houses, shingle their roofs, fix up their fences, grub out their gardens, hoop up their barrels, and do a hundred other things needed to be done, that would add value to their property already in existence and also save the formulation or indulgence of evil habits.

West Virginia will be twelve years old on the 20th of this month.

Our new five-cent foreign postage stamp is to be adorned with a picture of ex-President Taylor. That suits, ex-actly.

MAYOR SWENNEY and Hon. A. R. Boller, West Virginia Centennial Commissioners, propose to call mass meetings of the citizens of the State at Wheeling, Martinsburg, Charleston and other places during the present month in the interest of the State, as to its representation at the Centennial Fair to be held next year at Philadelphia.

A MAN never fully realizes the depth of misery to which his kind may be subjected; he never knows to its fullest extent the bitterness of poignant grief and black despair; he never knows what it is to be alone in this world, mocked by fate and buffeted by adverse fortune, until he tries to sew on a shirt button with a darning-needle and a yard of carpet, and splits the button and pins his thumb to his leg with two inches of the needle.

HOMER AGAIN.—Our young friends, J. S. Dean, and C. W. Smith, having completed their studies at the Iron City College, have returned home in good health and spirits, highly pleased with their treatment while absent, and unstinted in their praise of the institution. A letter from Prof. Smith, the Principal, informs us that they have acquitted themselves with great credit, and reflected honor upon those interested in their welfare, while they give promise of becoming successful business men. Young men desirous of acquiring a good business education would do well to write to Prof. J. C. Smith, A. M., Pittsburgh, Pa., for circulars of this popular and successful business college.

TO DISABLED SOLDIERS.—The legislature of Virginia has appropriated \$3,000 for the purpose of providing artificial limbs, or commutation therefor, to the citizens of the State, who lost limbs in the the Confederate service. This appropriation is made in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for this purpose. It is not necessary that a man should have his leg or arm taken off; but if he has been permanently disabled in his leg or arm, he can, by application to the county court and producing satisfactory evidence of the facts, obtain a certificate, which will secure him \$60 as commutation, provided he has not received anything from the State on that account.

RATES OF POSTAGE IN 1827.—The following rates of postage from the "People's Almanac" of 1827, will be found interesting in comparison with the rates of the present day:—On single letters, carried at any distance not exceeding 30 miles, 6 cents; over 30 and not over 80, 10 cents; over 80 and not over 150, 12 cents; over 150 and not over 400, 18 cents; over 400, 35 cents. Double letters, or those composed of two pieces of paper, double those rates. Triple letters, or those composed of three pieces of paper, triple those rates. Packets, or letters composed of four or more pieces of paper, or one or more articles, and weighing one ounce avoirdupois, quadruple those rates, and in that proportion for all greater weight.

WESTON ASYLUM.—We understand that Mr. Paulkner returned on Saturday last, from his visit to the State Lunatic Asylum at Weston, Lewis county, of this State. He speaks in high terms of the pleasure he derived from the excursion. He regards that institution as a proud monument of the wisdom and humanity of West Virginia: one that would do honor to New York or Massachusetts or even to France or England. He hopes the State will continue its liberal patronage to it. He spoke in high terms of the quality of the lands in that section of the State, and of the extraordinary beauty of its scenery. He leaves today for the West Virginia University to discharge his duties as one of the Regents of that institution.—Martinsburg Statesman.

REPLY TO "O SHAW".—Editor of the Democrat.—I saw in your issue of the 14th instant, the obituary of Mr. T. Association in which the author seems to be rejoicing to overflowing, and has conceived the idea that many others are in that state of feeling. Now, Mr. Editor, and the friends of improvement and public education, the author, "O Shaw," is either laboring under a mistaken idea, or he has with malicious intent hurled his fallacious remarks at the true teachers of our country—Teachers who are improving themselves, thus preparing for their work of training and instructing the young minds who may be entrusted to them in the future.—One thing, however, is certain, "O Shaw" has spoken in a very unbecoming manner of the many friends of the Teachers Association, and no doubt he will be remembered by many at the school election this fall, as I have been informed he is a candidate. I can assure the many friends of the Teachers Association that there is none of our citizens, except a few fogies and and would-be teachers (such as "O Shaw") who failed in getting a certificate to teach) who are rejoicing over the unsuccessful meeting of the Teachers Association. "O Shaw" would have people believe Teachers Association are useless, and a nuisance to society, and that its framers were suffering from the effects of Blind External Fistula, &c., all of which need only to be read by men of judgment to be condemned and the universal expression of "written by a man with a narrow, contracted mind," upon all sides would be heard. A word for the Teachers Association. Owing to circumstances unavoidable there was no Teachers Association held at the time for which it was appointed, consequently it did not take place, as was asserted by "O Shaw." "O Shaw" will finally terminate his property already in existence and also save the formulation or indulgence of evil habits.

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A VALUABLE horse belonging to Peter Dargan died one day last week.

STAMPS are not required on notes; but it takes "stamps to pay 'em."

"Died in a vain attempt to twist the tail of a mule," is a western obituary.

Little boys and doctors should be patient. The green apple season will soon arrive.

Theodore Tilton's noted novel, "Tempest Tossed," for rent at the News Depot.

DR. DARGAN informed us that one day last week he "murdered" 3 rattlesnakes, all very close together.

MONDAY last was the longest day in the year. From now until the 21st of December we will lose daylight.

Colonel Woodford and Dr. J. H. Davidson returned last week from a trip out west. They were visiting relatives in Indiana.

We learn from the Delta that a fishing party which left that place recently, brought home two hundred trout.

The grasshoppers have nearly all disappeared from the country around Kanawha, flying northward, and the farmers are busy replanting their field.

We can now boast of the champion wrestler. One of the men employed in making the Asylum Sewer has "fused" every one that has tackled him up to this writing.

It is currently reported that a movement is on foot among the Grangers of this county to celebrate with due festivities our glorious independence day.

A YOUNG lady at a "spellin' bee" held in our neighboring town of Buckhannon recently, sat down on "pantaloons." There is nothing surprising or remarkable about this—but our girls don't do it so publicly.

The question of substituting silver coin of less denomination than the dollar for the fractional currency now in circulation is attracting considerable attention in financial circles.

Go to the News Depot for reading matter.

A CHAD APPLE tree in Reading, says a Philadelphia paper, "is now in bloom, and bears a white rose in the midst of a cluster of blossoms." We wager there is none of the juice of last year's crop of apples left in the jug; and we are quite certain that the reporter who saw this wondrous sight bears a red rose in the midst of a cluster of blossoms of a similar hue.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The following persons were elected to office in the Masopio Lodge at a regular meeting on Tuesday evening the 15th inst.: T. J. Farasworth, W. M.; T. G. Farasworth, S. W.; G. P. Shreve, J. W.; O. H. Mylius, Treasurer; A. G. Osborne, Secretary; A. B. Clark, S. D.; S. G. Alexander, J. D.; L. S. S. Farasworth, Tyler.—Buckhannon Delta.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The Sunday School Convention for the Broad Run Baptist Church convened at the Broad Run Church on Saturday, the 10th inst., and continued over Sunday. On Sunday the crowd was estimated at near two thousand persons. The last day the exercises were diversified—the Convention convening in the church, and preaching in the grove near the church. The people of the neighborhood had made ample provision for all that would be there, and a greater portion of the congregation took dinner on the grounds. Everything went off well—and every one there expressed themselves as highly pleased with the hospitable people of Broad Run.—It will be a day long to be remembered by those who took part in it, as one of the most pleasant ever spent.

The following memoranda, was picked up on Main street, near the Democrat office, a few days since, which we presume was dropped by a couple of young gent, who are now on a fishing excursion in the wilds of Webster county. We are led to believe that it is the property of aforesaid gent, by some familiar expressions, and also certain ear-marks contained therein. There may be some who will question their ability as commissaries, but they were catering to the tastes and appetites of none others but themselves, it is highly presumable that they alone know best what bill of fare would agree with their palates. They certainly will not be troubled much by picking out bones. Messrs. THOMPSON & JACKSON, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Gent.—You will please ship us by Express, and without any unnecessary delay, the following articles marked [hardware]: 1 gallon of good Old Rye Whiskey. 4 boxes of "Grainy Miners." 2 gallons of "Hikey Water." 1 dozen Trout Hooks. 1 gallon of Scorpion Juice. 6 fish lines. 3 quarts of Snake Medicine. 1 gallon of Whiskey. 4 pounds of Salt. 1 gallon of Fire Water. 2 boxes Seltzer Powders. 2 quarts of Old Bourbon Whiskey. 2 Seal Can Lines. 1 gallon of "Family Disturbance." 1 pound of Cheese. 2 gallons of "Condensed Ecstasy." Quarter of a pound of black pepper. 2 gallons of the Juice of the Corn; and if you have a jug that will hold about three gallons you may fill it with whiskey and send it.

P. S.—Send us one dozen packs of S. H. & Co. one cent ante Poker Cards.

—If you have the slightest prospects of ever becoming chairman of a mixed assemblage, out this rule out and paste it in your spectacles: Always recognize the person who takes the floor by mentioning his name. Thereby you will simplify the work of the scribe and insure a satisfactory report.

—HOW TO JUDGE THE WEATHER.—The colors of the sky, at different times, are a wonderful guidance. Not only does a clear sunset presage fair weather, but there are other tints which speak with clearness and accuracy. A bright yellow in the evening indicates wind; a pale yellow wet; a neutral gray color constitutes a favorable sign in the evening—an unfavorable one in the morning. The clouds are full of meaning in themselves. If they are soft, undissolved and feathery, the weather will be fine; if the edges are hard, sharp and definite, it will be foul. Generally speaking, any deep, unusual hues betoken wind and rain; while more quiet and delicate tints betoken fair weather. Simple as these maxims are, the British Board of Trade has thought fit to publish them for the use of sea-faring men.

—ELOCUTIONARY ENTERTAINMENT.—An Elocutionary Entertainment will be given in the Town Hall on the evening of the 30th. Among the number of selections to be rendered, we note the following: "The Little Boy that Died;" "The Blue and the Gray;" "The New Church Organ;" "Spartans to the Gladiators;" "The Bells of Shandon;" "Jimmy Butler and the Owl;" "Buck Fenshaw's Funeral;" "The Faithful Drawbridge Tender;" "Darius Green and his Flying Machine;" "The Old Ways and the New." The entertainment is to be given by Prof. F. H. Crago, of Moundsville, former Principal of the West Liberty State Normal School. We are promised a rare treat on this occasion, and we hope our citizens will avail themselves of this opportunity, and attend en masse. Prof. Crago comes highly recommended as an Elocutionist, and we're no doubt will render entire satisfaction.

A PLIA FOR THE CROW.—It has always been thought that the crow was a great destroyer of crops because he pulled up a few hills of corn in the Spring, or kept himself from starvation in winter by stripping a few husks from it when matured. On this belief unceasing war has been waged for his extermination, and in some States a royalty is paid for his scalp. Since the wholesale destruction of fruits and other crops by insects and grasshoppers, people are taking the pains to find out what the crow and other birds really subsist upon, during the time the crops are maturing. It turns out that he is a thorough scavenger and destroyer of many pestiferous insects, and the dreaded potato and chinch bug among the number. Two instances have been recently recorded where a tame crow kept the garden of his owner and that of a neighbor entirely clear of the potato bug. Our advice is spare the birds.

Sugar Cured Hams, Shoulders and Breakfast Bacon at Chalfant & Moore's. Paints, Oils and Window Glass at Chalfant & Moore's.

Mowing Machines, Rakes, Wagons and Plows at Chalfant & Moore's. Nails, Builders' Hardware, Tools, &c., at Chalfant & Moore's. Best English and American Seythes at Chalfant & Moore's.

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Dr. GEORGE B. MORRIS, of the firm of Morris, Jarrett & Hall, Dentists, 134, 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., will visit this place twice a year—spring and fall—withstanding others report to the contrary.

DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The firm of Jackson, McBride & Co. have this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to them will find their accounts in the hands of G. A. Jackson for settlement. Those having accounts against the firm will please present them.

REMEMBER that Vassar's Grocery near the post office is the place to get fresh bread and cakes every day, dried peaches, 12 1/2 cents per pound, best Rice 12 1/2 cents per pound—good Tea and Coffee cheap as you can get it anywhere else, Mackerel, Pickles, cheap Soap, concentrated Lye, canned Fruits of all kinds, Oranges, Lemons, Raisins, Figs, Currants, Dates, Prunes, Cheese, Tobacco, Stogies, Tips, &c., always on hand and for sale cheap.

THE PEOPLE WANT PROOF.—There is no medicine prescribed by physicians, or sold by druggists, that carries such evidence of its success and superior virtue as *Boecher's German Syrup* for severe Coughs, Colds, settled on the Breast, Consumption, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs, a proof of that fact is that any person afflicted, can get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try its superior effect before buying the regular size at 75 cts. It has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures are astonishing everywhere that uses it. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it. Sold by Dr. G. B. Simpson & Co., Druggists, Weston.

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Den of Wild Lions,

but will be in our proper place, and will sell our goods at such figures that you will forget all about such things as Wild Lions, and rejoice that you have saved your money to invest in Dry Goods, Groceries and Notions, marked down to the lowest prices. Neither will we introduce the

Ten Baby Elephants,

but will sell you Ladies' Dress Goods at prices that will convince you that we understand our business. Those who have never seen the real living

APP OPOTANUS,

will not see it here, but will see Groceries, &c. sold at "old time" prices. Among the living curiosities we regret we have not at present on hand

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Charles B. Hall, administrator of Wm. P. Haymond, deceased, &c.,

vs. The representatives and estates of Robert and James McCray, deceased.

In CHANCERY.

Under decree of the Circuit Court of Lewis county in this case, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House of Lewis county, on the

2d day of August, 1875,

being the first day of the August term of the County Court of Lewis county, a tract of 84 1/2 ACRES OF LAND,

in Webster county, on Buffalo Fork of Little Kanawha River, assigned by decree in said case to the heirs of Robert McCray.

Purchaser must give notes with good security, bearing interest from date, payable in 6, 12 and 18 months; and the title will be reserved until the further order of Court.

HENRY BRANNON, Commissioner.

June 27—4w

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